Chapter 147: The Temples of Shadows and Life

As knowledge of the God of Shadows and Life, Sung Jin-Woo, spread across Earth, the awe and reverence for his divine presence grew exponentially. Hunters, recognizing the immense power and benevolence of their benefactor, began to construct places of worship dedicated to him—Temples of Shadows and Life.

Creation of the Temples

1. Design and Structure:

The temples were monumental in size, reflecting the grandeur and mystique of their deity.

Constructed from black obsidian and enchanted silver, the interiors were adorned with glowing inscriptions of Sung Jin-Woo's exploits and symbols of the Shadowverse.

A sacred statue of the God of Shadows and Life, holding the Scepter of Dominion, stood at the heart of each temple.

2. Global Influence:

These temples were established in every major city across Earth, becoming sanctuaries for those seeking power, healing, or enlightenment.

Pilgrimages to these temples became common, as people traveled great distances to experience their blessings.

Blessings of the Temples

1. Enhanced System Points:

Hunters who visited the temples received additional points in their System, enhancing their strength, agility, or mana capacity.

2. System Bestowal:

Ordinary individuals who lacked a System were granted one upon visiting the temple, enabling them to grow as hunters.

3. Healing Miracles:

Visitors suffering from any illness, no matter how severe or chronic, were instantly cured upon stepping inside the temple grounds.

The Monks of Shadows and Life

1. Selection of Monks:

Certain hunters and individuals were chosen by the System to become Monks of Shadows and Life, serving as guardians and caretakers of the temples.

Each monk demonstrated unwavering faith, discipline, and a desire to aid others.

2. The Staff of Shadows and Life:

Every monk was granted a staff made from the branch of the Second World Tree, a divine artifact imbued with immense power.

Abilities of the Staff:

Healing Power: Capable of curing any ailment instantly.

Combat Strength: Its sturdy form could crush enemies and withstand even the fiercest attacks.

Expansion of the Second World Tree

1. Divine Growth:

The Second World Tree, now spanning across the Absolute Realm and beyond, served as a symbol of the Divine Triad's unending vitality and creation.

Its branches and fruits continued to nurture new life and forge divine artifacts, including the staffs used by the monks.

2. Connection to the Temples:

The Second World Tree’s presence was directly linked to the temples, infusing them with divine energy and reinforcing their sanctity.

Impact on Earth’s Society

1. A New Era of Worship:

The Temples of Shadows and Life became centers of faith and power, bridging the gap between mortals and the divine.

Communities grew around these temples, creating thriving hubs of culture, learning, and spirituality.

2. Unity and Hope:

The temples offered hope to the sick and the powerless, uniting humanity under the shadow of a benevolent god.

Hunters found renewed purpose, knowing their paths were illuminated by Sung Jin-Woo’s divine guidance.

3. Emergence of Divine Soldiers:

Some monks, empowered by their faith and the blessings of the temples, began to ascend to higher ranks, becoming formidable warriors in service of the God of Shadows and Life.

The Shadow King’s Benevolence

Through the creation of the Temples of Shadows and Life, Sung Jin-Woo demonstrated his unending compassion for Earth’s inhabitants. His blessings extended to all who sought his aid, reshaping the world into a place where even the weakest could rise and thrive.

And so, under the watchful gaze of their god, Earth entered a golden age of enlightenment, strength, and unity—a testament to the boundless power and wisdom of the God of Shadows and Life.